Killing of birds and animals in Chilka Lake

2658. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of birds and animals in Chilka Lake were killed during past two years disturbing the ecological system;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what security measures Government propose to take to check the poaching of siberian birds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) The State Government of Orissa have indicated that there have been reports of incidence of bird poaching in the Chilka Lake, only a small part of which has been declared a Sanctuary by the State Government and to prevent poaching they have strengthened the protection squads, increased patrolling of the area during day and night and instructed local police to assist the forest department staff in their anti-poaching operations. The Police have also been directed to secure surrender of guns during the migratory season of the Chilka Lake. Efforts have also been made to create public awareness about the need to conserve the birds and preserve the ecology of the wetland. Central Government have extended to the State Government financial assistance since 1988-89 to the tune of Rs. 20.4 lakhs for the development of the sanctuary under the scheme for Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries and Rs. 112.40 lakhs for habitat improvement of Nalbana area, soil conservation measures, environmental education/awareness programme etc. under the Wetland Conservation Programme.

Pollution in the industrial areas

2659. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given instructions to the State Governments to prevent pollution in the industrial areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of units which are taking measures to avoid pollution-Statewise figures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government have issued a notification on 12.2.92, according to which the industries commissioned on or before May 16, 1981 and after May 16, 1981 are required to meet the prescribed standards by December 31, 1992 and December 31, 1993, respectively. In order to priorities the actions, 17 categories of industries have been identified. Legal action under the provisions of the Law has been taken by the Pollution Control Boards of the States against the defaulting units. According to the information provided by the Central Pollution Control Board, State-wise details of the industries complying with the standards are given in the attached Statement.

Statement

Details of the industries complying with the standards

Sl. No.	State/Union Territories	Number of units complying fully with standards
1	2	3
01	Andhra Pradesh	89
02	Assam	05

1	2	3
03	Bihar	10
04	Goa	07
05	Gujarat	153
06	Haryana	29
07	Himachal Pradesh	07
08	Jammu & Kashmir	01
09	Karnataka	34
10	Kerala	16
11	Madhya Pradesh	33
12	Maharashtra	263
13	Meghalaya	03
14	Orissa	11
15	Punjab	17
16	Rajasthan	26
17	Tamil Nadu	14
18	Uttar Pradesh	64
19	West Bengal	18
	Union Territories	
01	Chandigarh	01
02	Delhi	03
03	Pondicherry	01

National River action plan

2760. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken a National River Action Plan for clearing river water pollution in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of the States involved as well as the names of rivers identified in the country for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The formulation of National River Action Plan as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with equal sharing of cost by the Central Government and the State Governments is under consideration. A list of river stretches identified in this behalf is attached as Statement.